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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (previously presented): An apparatus for holding a fish, comprising:
a molded plastic clip having first and second arms coupled to and rotatable about a spacer, the first and second arms having first and second protrusions respectively adjacent their distal ends moveable between a first position and a second position, the distal ends of the first and second arms being urged towards one another by a biasing member to create a gripping force between the first and second protrusions, in the first position, the gripping force capable of holding a fish by a lip without punching a hole in the fish, a third protrusion extending from the spacer for preventing a fish from being inserted too far onto the clip, and a ledge spaced from the spacer for restricting movement of the biasing member; and
a length of rope having a loop formed at a first end, the loop securing the rope to the clip, the loop capable of exerting a force on the biasing member thereby increasing the gripping force.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first, second and third arms protrusions, the first and second protrusions arms and the biasing member are molded as one piece.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rope is a braided hollow polypropylene.

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